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PATENT APPLICATION

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Gerald REINDERS and Harry ERFURT Group Art Unit: 1761

Application No.: 10/023,178 Examiner: Leslie A. WONG

Filed: December 17, 2001 Confirmation No.: 3294

For: PROCESS FOR THE ADAPTATION OF FLAVOR MIXTURES

Attorney Docket No.: 3968.043

Customer No.: 000041288

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment mailed May 13, 2004, Applicants resubmit herewith Amendment A with the correct status indicator to claim 8, i.e., (Currently amended).

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: May 17, 2004

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT for U.S. Application No. 10/023,178 filed December 17, 2001, was deposited in first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, **Mail Stop Amendment**, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on May 17, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0877.

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AMENDMENT A

Mail Stop:
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 2, 2003, the period for response being extended for two (2) months to May 3, 2004 by the Petition for Extension of Time and fee submitted herewith, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks. Entry of the amendments and reconsideration are requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin at page 5 of this paper.

U.S. PATENT APPLICATION SERIAL NO.: 10/023,178 AMENDMENT A

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I hereby certify that the foregoing AMENDMENT A for U.S. Application No. 10/023,178 filed December 17, 2001, was deposited in first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, addressed: Attn: Mail Stop:_____, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on April 30, 2004.

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